

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1397

By Coley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Harding Academy girls' soccer team on an outstanding season.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable sports team is the Harding Academy girls' soccer team, which achieved an extraordinary level of success in the 2007 season, earning a chance to compete in the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletics Association (TSSAA) Division II Class A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, soccer is one of the most physically demanding sports and requires constant practice, an unwavering commitment to excellence, a highly-developed understanding of the importance of team play, and an often torturous training regimen; it has been played at a level of excellence by the Harding Academy soccer players throughout their spectacular season; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of Head Coach Justin Battles, the Harding Academy Lady Lions compiled a noteworthy record of fifteen wins, five losses, and one tie during the season; and

WHEREAS, in the State semifinals, the team dispatched the University School of Nashville by a score of three to zero to earn a berth in the title matchup; their impressive display of talent, ability, and determination allowed them to finish second in the State; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Harding Academy girls' soccer team are Yasamin Baghaipour, Rachael Bennett, Alex Black, Rebecca Black, Chelsea Brandon, Caroline Chadwell, Erin Cox, Caty Downes, Soraya Ghelichkhani, Kelsey Gray, Megan Hanna, Alexandra Hassan, Cassie Jurgensen, Brooklyn Kimball, Jennee Kimball, Alle Logan, Lauren

Rogers, Elizabeth Walker, and Rachel Whitlock; the efforts of these admirable young women were bolstered by Managers Jessica Ortiz and Annie Kourvelas; and

WHEREAS, these players epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the pitch; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible an outstanding season, but also surely bode well for their successes in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Harding Academy soccer team for their remarkable athletic talents and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Head Coach Justin Battles and all the members of the Harding Academy girls' soccer team on their highly successful season, applauding their commitment, determination, and dedication and offering our best wishes for their continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.